BEFORE THE STATE ELECTION BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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CITY OF DAWSON,

Case No. 2006-000032

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Respondent.

CONSENT ORDER

The State Election Board and the Respondent, City of Dawson, in lieu of further administrative or legal proceedings, hereby enter into the following stipulations and settlement agreement for the purpose of resolving this matter with the entry of this Consent Order.

STIPULATED FACTS

1.

The City of Dawson held municipal elections in November 2004 and November 2005. It was subsequently discovered that there were electors in those elections who did not live in the precinct in which they voted.

2.

No written list of the names of unqualified electors in the November 2004 and November 2005 Elections were forwarded by the Chief Registrar of the City of Dawson to the County Board of Registrars of Terrell County.

3.

At the time of the November 2004 and November 2005 Elections, the City of Dawson had not designated a Chief Registrar.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4.

The Respondent City of Dawson acknowledges that it violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224 (e) by failing to forward, through its Chief Registrar, a written list of the names of unqualified electors in the November 2004 and November 2005 Elections to the County Board of Registrars of Terrell County.

5.

The Respondent City of Dawson acknowledges that it violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-212 by failing to designate a Chief Registrar during the November 2004 and November 2005 Elections.

<u>ORDER</u>

The Georgia State Election Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, inclusive of the within and forgoing "Stipulated Facts" and "Conclusions of Law," hereby **ORDERS**, and the Respondent hereby agrees, to cease and desist from violating O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224 (e). Further, the City of Dawson is hereby ordered to designate one of the members of its Board of Registrars as Chief Registrar, as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-212 (c). Finally, by this order the Respondent City of Dawson is hereby reprimanded for its failure to comply with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261.1 (c) and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-212.

This Consent Order, inclusive of its Stipulations and Order, shall not become effective unless and until approved by the Georgia State Election Board. If not agreed to, approved by, and executed on behalf of, the Georgia State Election Board, neither stipulation nor any other part of this agreement shall have any binding legal effect whatsoever and shall not constitute an admission against interest or prejudice the ability of either the Board or Respondent to adjudicate this matter.

KAREN HANDEL For the State Election Board

CONSENTED TO BY:

Robert Albritten

Mayor for the

Respondent City of Dawson

Notary Public

My Commissions Expires Maylle, 2010.